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THE PARABLE OF THE ANCHOR

Hebrews 6:13-20

Many simple and beautiful parables in N. T., but not written in parabolic form. *Hope as an anchor*

Parable: A spiritual lesson drawn from some common everyday situation. Text: Par. of Anchor-find it?

I. PARABLE OF ANCHOR. (Much like Matt. 7:21-28 Builders.)

A. KINGDOM of HEAVEN like two BOAT-BUILDERS.

1. The WISE-BUILDER built a sturdy ship, braided him a strong rope, forged himself a heavy metal anchor and set sail upon the 7 seas.

Eventually a storm arose, fierce winds blew, the rains came in torrents and the waves arose to frightening proportions, driving the ship toward the rocky beach.

However, at this point the wise-mariner cast out his anchor, which dug deeply into the sandy ocean bed and his anchor held ship firm.

2. The FOOLISH-BUILDER built a sturdy ship, braided him a ~~strong~~ rope, forged himself a mediocre anchor and set sail upon the seven seas.

Eventually, a storm arose, fierce winds blew, the rains came in torrents, and the waves arose to frightening proportions, driving the ship toward the rocky beach.

At this point the foolish seaman cast his mediocre anchor into the sea, but his anchor did not hold and the ship and her crew were LOST.

CONCLUSION: So it is with those who hear the Words of Jesus, but do not heed them. LIFE, a shipwreck!!

#OVER: Diff. in Chr. Ind. & Family & non-Chr.

II. THE OBJECTS OF THE PARABLE: EXPLAINED. 5!

- A. Seaman: Represent people in world, wise & foolish.
 B. Ship : Represents the life we build on earth.
 C. Rope : The Faith that connect lives to anchor.
 D. Anchor: Our HOPE of happiness and eternal life.
 E. Storms: Trials, disappointments, sicknesses, sin, and death.

OBSERVATION: Finest Seaman, with finest Ship, with strongest Rope, and insufficient anchor will be utterly helpless in a vicious storm. *Ill. Galveston Bay Incident.*

III. HOPE IS DEFINED AS THE ANCHOR OF MAN'S SOUL. EXPLAIN!!

- A. Rom. 8:24-28. Aid to his salvation.
 B. GR: ELIPSIS: Confident expectation and anticipation of the unseen good to come--eternal life!!

* strong over Niagara Falls

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HOPE: defined:

- C. SPANISH: ES-PARA: to desire & wait; wait & desire!
D. MAYAS (Yucatan): "We hang onto God." Heb. 11:6.
E. VALIENTE: (Panama): "Resting the mind in God."

LORD'S PLEA:

* Phil. 4:6-7.

INV: LORD'S PLEA: Ill.

OUR PLEA: 1. Avoid anchoring to shifting sands of world; like Sir. Thomas Lipton: "I'd give up every trophy in my collection for the one I haven't got--that is the hope of Heaven and eternal life." At his death! Ill. NO ANCHOR!! LIFE, A WRECK. *

2. Avoid anchoring to sands of secondary things like English Railroad official: "I have lived too much for secondary things in life and not the main thing." -- the salvation of the soul. Too late!! *Matt. 6:33.

SINNER FRIEND: Obey the Gospel and anchor your soul to Jesus Christ, Rock of Ages. I Pet. 3:21.

SINNER BROTHER: Anchor not holding? Not in the sure sands of Heaven. R-P. acts 8:22.

IDENTIFY. TODAY. RIGHT NOW!!

OVER: "A Christian is NOT a person, who has no problems. Rather he is one who knows how to solve his problems-with God's help. I Pet. 5:6-7.

ALSO: A Christian Family is not a family WITHOUT problems, but one which knows how to solve its problems with God's help. Jas. 1:5.

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